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For : DISPLAY ENHANCEMENTS FOR VEHICLE VISION SYSTEM

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. 1.116)

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 16, 1998, designated a final rejection, for which a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time are enclosed, Applicants wish to amend their application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claims 50, 51, 102 and 103 as follows:

150. (twice amended) A vehicular rearview vision system, comprising:

at least one image capture device positioned on the vehicle and adapted to capturing images of objects; and

a display system which displays an image ^{which comprises a rearward facing view} [from] of objects captured by said at least one image capture device;

wherein said display system enhances the displayed image by including an image enhancement [which is] comprising a visual prompt perspectively related to objects in the image displayed and which visually informs the driver of what is occurring in the area surrounding the vehicle ^{including relative position of objects behind the vehicle}.

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D2 2 51. (amended) The rearview vision system for a vehicle in claim 50 wherein said image [is enhanced by] enhancement comprises a graphic overlay superimposed on the displayed image indicating distances of objects from the vehicle.

53 102. (twice amended) A vehicular vision system, comprising:

at least one image capture device positioned on the vehicle and adapted to capturing images of objects; and

a display system which displays an image [from] of objects captured by said at least

one image capture device;

wherein said display system enhances the displayed image by including an image enhancement [which is] comprising a visual prompt perspectively related to objects in the image displayed and which visually informs the driver of what is occurring in the area surrounding the vehicle.

D4 54 103. (amended) The vision system for a vehicle in claim 53 wherein said image [is enhanced by] enhancement comprises a graphic overlay superimposed on the displayed image indicating distances of objects from the vehicle.

REMARKS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the recent Office Action and to place the application in a condition for allowance. Enclosed is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time in order to extend the response due date to March 16, 1999. Accordingly, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application are earnestly solicited.

Claims 50-114 are pending in the application. The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 69-101 are allowed. Claims 50-68 and 102-114 remain at issue. In particular, claims 50, 51, 102 and 103 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Rosinski et al. Claims 52-59 and 104-110 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Rosinski et al. and Saneyoshi et al. United States Patent 5,410,346. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. By this response, amendments are proposed to claims 50 and 102. It is submitted that the amended claims are patentably distinguishable over the references as will now be set forth.

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